

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS  
CABLE SECTION

IN RE: PROPOSED REVISION OF RULES GOVERNING COMMUNITY  
ANTENNA TELEVISION SYSTEMS

The Rules Governing Community Antenna Television Systems in Rhode Island were originally promulgated January 30, 1981 and amended January 14, 1983. Since that time, the technology, delivery method and providers of cable television service have changed dramatically. As a result, the Administrator of the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (DPUC), appointed a committee to recommend revisions of these rules that would ultimately be evaluated by the State's active cable advisory committees, the general public and a hearing officer at prescribed public hearings.

The committee met 22 times since its inception in September 2001 and has completed its report and recommendations. In advance of initiating the public hearing process, copies of the report are now available to the cable advisory committees and to the general public. Copies may be obtained by writing the Cable Section at the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (DPUC), 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888 or by calling 941-4500 extension 131. Copies are also available at the public access studios operated by Cox Communications, Inc. and Full Channel TV, Inc.. To find the location closest to you please call the DPUC for information. You can also obtain a copy through the DPUC web site [www.ripuc.org](http://www.ripuc.org).

This matter will be formally docketed and the Administrator will assign a hearing officer to conduct public hearings, accept public comment and ultimately draft a Division order executing the revised rules after adequate time for review of the proposed revisions.

The public hearing schedule will be announced at a future time, but they will be held no earlier than May 2004.

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Administrator  
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